

BOMBARDMENT AT PORT ARTHUR IS REPORTED.

Russian Battleship Sebastopol and Another Vessel are Reported to Have Been Sunk But Russians Deny Report.

JAPANESE SHIPS MAY BE DAMAGED

A Russian Officer Advises Gzar to Give Up Idea of Holding Port Arthur and That Port May Be Abandoned.

London, April 16.—A St. Petersburg despatch just received reports that the battleship Sebastopol and another Russian vessel have been blown up at Port Arthur. The Sebastopol was launched in 1895 and had a displacement of 10,960. She carried four twelve-inch guns, twelve six-inch quick firing guns, 24 smaller quick firing guns, she was fitted with six torpedo tubes. Her speed was seventeen and five-tenths knots. Her extreme armor was sixteen inches.

REPORT IS DENIED.

Russians Say Sebastopol Is Not Sunk.

London, April 16.—A despatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says the report that the battleship Sebastopol has been sunk is denied in the Russian capital.

JAPANESE VESSELS DAMAGED.

Three Reported Injured Yesterday in Bombardment.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—A telegram from Port Arthur states that three Japanese warships were damaged in the bombardment yesterday.

A RARE TREAT.

Pipe Organ Recital at Hedding Church, April 26.

It is but once in a life time that one has the opportunity of hearing such talent as is planned for Barre people to hear on Tuesday night, April 26th, at Hedding Methodist Episcopal church, when the justly famous pipe organ player, S. B. Whitney, of Boston, will give an organ recital on the new pipe organ.

There will be other talent also at this recital, exhibited by the most wonderful boy soloist, Master Carl Fowler of Boston, of whom Mr. Whitney says, "He is the most musical boy we ever had in our boy choir." Those who appreciate musical talent of a high order will be willing to travel many miles and pay many dollars to hear Mr. Whitney play. The prices have been made exceedingly low for such talent.

THOMAS MERCER LEADS IN CLASS 1

Takes a Big Jump in World's Fair Contest—Ernest Seaver Moves Back to First Place in Class 3.

The voting in the Times' world's fair contest today is decidedly interesting. For the first time since the contest began Ernest Seaver drops from first place in class 1 and Thomas Mercer jumps from third to first place with 1,000 votes to his credit today. In class 3 Ernest Seaver of Washington, who dropped to second place yesterday, is back in first place again today.

The vote today is as follows:

Class 1.	
Thos. Mercer, Barre,	2530
W. H. Eager, Barre,	3017
Geo. W. Gorman, Barre,	2795
Robert Gordon, Barre,	843
Mrs. Laura Westcott, Barre,	630
Miss Flora Vincent, Barre,	256
Miss Maude E. Harris, Barre,	60
George Howe, Barre,	58
G. H. Anker, Barre,	22
Fred Krelinger, Barre,	16
Chas. Stone, Jr., Barre,	11
Wm. Kennedy, Barre,	20
Class 2.	
James Wark, Grantville,	3577
Mrs. M. L. Town, Barre town,	2172
A. L. Foster, Grantville,	1752
Geo. A. Wales, So. Barre,	624
G. H. Adams, So. Barre,	571
Mrs. J. H. McArthur, E. Barre,	29
Jessie Miller, Grantville,	8
Class 3.	
Ernest Seaver, Washington,	700
Jas. Lord, Orange,	630
G. H. Hight, W. Topsham,	115
R. R. Ludlow, Boltonville,	101
John Conolly, Randolph,	5
Class 4.	
Henry Westcott, Montpelier,	181
B. C. Alexander, Berlin,	38
Charles Dudley, East Mtn.,	16

PLEAS OF GUILTY.

County Court Trials Expedited By The Prisoners.

Montpelier, April 6.—Herbert Davis of Northfield was in county court yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty to the larceny of a Marlin rifle from the express office in Northfield. He was sentenced to the industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority. In case he does not behave the alternative is the house of correction. He is about 17 years old and his sentence expires December 26, 1907.

D. Curbia retracted his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$100 and costs, which he paid. The case against Josie Ray, and the joint case against the two were both not pressed. It will be remembered that these men were some weeks ago charged with killing a tame deer belonging to William Recor of Berlin.

LICENSES GRANTED.

One St. Albans Man Dropped From List.

St. Albans, April 15.—The board of liquor license commissioners today announced the award of licenses for the ensuing year as follows: First class, Dennis Gilmore, William Landon, John J. Thompson, Cornelius W. Reagan; second class, Neil E. Lynch, Lanna O. Hamlet; fifth class, (druggist) Rawson Brainerd, John E. Welch.

It will be noticed that of the present licensees, Owen Marron, proprietor of the St. Albans house, is dropped, and Dennis Gilmore, proprietor of the Central house, is substituted, also that the second class license nominally held by Thomas E. Ronch and utilized by the St. Albans Wine and Spirit Co. now goes to Lanna E. Hamlet who has been the central figure in that company all along.

BRUISES ON BODY, FOUL PLAY FEARED

Daniel McGregor's Body Was Found Under Trestle at Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls, April 16.—Daniel McGregor, aged 54, a coachman for A. C. Moore, was found in a dying condition under the Boston & Maine railroad bridge yesterday morning. The first thought was that he was the victim of an accident but after his death a few moments later, an examination showed wounds and bruises that have given ground to the suspicion that he was the victim of foul play.

McGregor was last seen here about 8 o'clock Thursday evening. He had been drinking and started for North Walpole, N. H. When found his right cheek was bruised, both eyes were blackened and there was an ugly cut on the back of his head, combined with a fractured skull.

His relatives, not satisfied with the accident theory, have demanded a coroner's inquest, which was held yesterday afternoon.

HELD ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY.

Men Suspected of Breaking Into Newport Stores in Custody.

Newport, April 15.—One of the men suspected of breaking into McDonald & Co.'s store Sunday night, and into Brown & Skinner's, and Trombly & Cotton's stores at Barton Landing Tuesday night, has been arrested and is in jail here. His name is King, and he is said to have a bad reputation.

A TURNER DELEGATION.

St. Johnsbury Republicans Are For Him.

St. Johnsbury, April 16.—Ten delegates to the state convention and to second district convention were chosen last night at a republican caucus. The state delegation is headed by Col. T. C. Fletcher and will present the name of H. N. Turner, manager of the Fairbanks Scale company, for delegate at large to the Chicago convention. The district delegation is headed by Frank H. Brooks.

EAST BARRE.

Mrs. Will Blanchard continues on the sick list.

Louis Barker is confined to the house with an attack of bronchitis.

Mrs. W. E. Dixby and Mrs. George Roark have a fine display of millinery in Dixby's block.

Jack Plestid has returned from Boston, where he spent last week. While there he hurt his right wrist. He will probably be unable to use it for some time.

Last evening another lodge of the Red Men was organized in our town. A large number of our citizens went in a charter members. Supper was served in the banquet room after the initiation.

Sunday services, Congregational church. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Sunday school after the morning service. Christian Endeavor service at 6:15 p. m. Preaching service at 7 p. m. Everybody invited.

His Hopes Realized Soon.

Barre, Montpelier and Northfield are having a little trouble just now with the granite workers, and at the time this is written every granite shed in those places is idle. There is a difference of opinion between the men and the bosses as to the amount of work that the tool sharpening machines should be allowed to do. The difficulty will no doubt be quickly and amicably settled.—The Gazette hopes so, anyhow.—Hardwick Gazette.

SIX TEAMS POSSIBLE

Glenn's Falls Wants to Enter League.

STOCK ALL SUBSCRIBED

Salaries of Northern League Players Have Taken a Jump Recently.

Burlington, April 16.—At the next meeting of the Northern League representatives to be held some time the latter part of this month, the date to be fixed by the president, a number of important items will come up for discussion, among them being the possibility of an application for membership in the league from Glens Falls, N. Y.

Recent letters from that place say that the association organized in that city a short time ago found little or no difficulty in disposing of \$5,000 worth of stock and vouchers for an additional \$5,000 have been gotten out and practically half of this has been taken. The other teams comprising the league are experiencing no little difficulty in securing players at reasonable salaries. Players who would gladly sign for \$40 per week a short time ago can not now be approached for double that amount.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Burlington Signs Zimmerman White St. Albans Gets Loughlin.

Zimmerman, the crack third baseman of last year's St. Albans team, has been signed by the Burlington aggregation.

McLane, who played left field for Rutland the latter part of last season, has also been signed by the Burlington aggregation.

The St. Albans base ball management has received a contract signed by Edward Loughlin, the left fielder who played with the team last summer.

McDresser, the star twirler signed by the Barre-Montpelier base ball team the latter part of last season, "Bob" is one of the best pitchers outside of the big leagues and his left hand will fool them all. He is a great favorite around here and the fact he has been signed is hailed with delight by all the fans. He has pitched two or three seasons with the St. Albans and was wanted by the other teams. He is also a good base man and fielder. Mr. Dresser's home is in Boston.

LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Both Boston Teams Won Their Games.

Yesterday's National League scores: At Cincinnati, Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 5 (10 innings). At New York, New York, 5; Brooklyn, 2. At Philadelphia, Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 0.

Yesterday's American League scores: At St. Louis, Pittsburgh, 5; St. Louis, 4. At Washington, Washington, 6; Philadelphia, 6 (10 innings). At New York, Boston, 4; New York, 1.

EX-GOV. STEWART.

To Be Republican Candidate for Senator From Addison County.

Middlebury, April 15.—The republican leaders in this senatorial district have chosen the name of ex-Governor John W. Stewart to become the party's candidate for state senator. Practically the entire district has been canvassed and every town looks favorable for Mr. Stewart's election.

Funeral of Arthur Whitney.

Montpelier, April 15.—The funeral of Arthur Whitney, who died at Boston hospital on Wednesday, was held from his late home on Court street this afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. L. K. Wilman was the officiating minister. Interment was in Green Mount cemetery. C. H. Carpenter was in charge of the funeral, assisted by Elmer Clarke, who represented the Odd Fellows of which order the deceased was a member. The burials were from the membership of Vermont lodge, I. O. O. F.

NOTICE.

Agreeable to Sec 45 of the license law. Every constable, police officer, sheriff and deputy sheriff of the town of Barre are requested to meet the board of license commissioners of said town in the office of Wilbur A. Cutler, Thursday, April 21, in East Barre at 7:30 p. m. East Barre, April 16, 1894. Dr. R. M. Minard, chairman board of license commissioners.

Death of St. Johnsbury Man.

St. Johnsbury, April 15.—Lindley M. Fillington died here today of pneumonia after only four days' illness. He was born in Cambridge and for many years was a resident of Johnson and for three years was in the insurance business in St. Johnsbury. He was 67 years old and leaves a daughter and two sons. The funeral will be held at Johnson.

Saturday candy in full-weight one-pound boxes, packed especially for us by the Matland Candy Co. of Boston. These goods are just what they are represented and we warrant every ounce of them to be made of the purest materials. Remember, no old stock and you can't duplicate them for twice what we ask. Prices in 50c per box Saturday only. Red Cross Pharmacy, 160 North Main street, Barre, Vt.

ALDERMEN HAD TILT

McKenzie and Robins the Belligerents

OVER ST. IMPROVEMENTS

First Ward Man Thinks Too Much Money is Spent on Third and Fourth Ward Streets.

The usual humdrum of city council meetings was disturbed at the special city meeting last evening, by a lively tilt between Alderman McKenzie of the fourth ward and Alderman Robins of the first, over the laying out of money on streets, the latter charging that all the expenditures are made on streets in wards three and four, in which wards two members of the street committee, Aldermen McKenzie and Burke, reside, Alderman McKenzie replied with considerable heat and the other members then poured oil on the troubled waters, so that the tempest subsided, although distant rumblings were heard throughout the remainder of the meeting.

The difference of opinion came up over the report of the street committee for the month of March. The report was apparently acceptable to Alderman Robins until it came to the statement of what the street committee intends to do this summer, notably the extension of pavement on North Main street and the filling and repaving of Maple Avenue from Main to Seminary street, North Seminary street from Main to Summer, and Elm street from Washington to Summer. It didn't take the alderman from the first ward long before making objection to the further expenditure on Maple Avenue. Maple Avenue divides the third and fourth wards. He declared that there has been enough money expended on streets "down there" and that Ayers and Hill streets in his ward were much more in need of repairs, although, on being questioned, he admitted he hadn't seen Maple Avenue for some time. But, he asserted, the street committee do not do their work right. They start the work and then leave it unfinished, making no surveys necessary when the work is again resumed.

These and other things were said, and they were enough to stir up the chairman of the street committee who asked the first ward alderman to "step up like a man" and file his objections and not "come in here and vent your spleen in that childish manner." Alderman Snowden attempted to bring peace in the family, and Mayor Barclay provoked a laugh from the other members by saying that "circle street was still untouched by the street committee." After a lot of desultory firing on the part of the two aldermen, Alderman Burke moved that the street committee's report be accepted. Alderman Robins demurred but the motion was carried.

A fresh eruption was started immediately after by the fourth ward alderman telling the man from the first that he wouldn't get any improvements if he kept up his present course.

"Yes, I understand that you are the people," rejoined Alderman Robins.

"It's a good thing if you understand something," was the other's parting shot.

Outside the wrangling the council transacted a little business. A. Tomas was given permission to erect a two-story building between his main street block and his tenement on Merchant street, provided he covered it with brick. Neither steel nor clapboards would do. This is the first application since the revised ordinances went into effect.

A resolution transferring \$7,415 to the school account was adopted. A petition for a policeman to prevent the assembling of boys on the corner of Brook and Silver streets was taken up. The Barre Merchants' Association also applied for another patrolman in the early morning hours to prevent incendiary fires, and the matter was left with the police committee and the department with power to act. Residents and taxpayers on North Seminary street asked that their street be filled, and their request was referred to the street committee. A sewer extension from 95 to 97 Granite street was referred.

The appropriation of \$100 to the superintendent of streets was made. The setting aside of \$10,000 for the repair to the sewer on North Main street, preliminary to the pavement extension, will be decided at the city meeting to be called soon. A. C. Blanchard was given permission to fence off the sidewalk in front of his proposed block on Main street. C. H. Campbell was given a lunch room license for Prospect street.

The report of the street committee for March showed the following balances: streets, \$6,456.49; sewers, \$1,151.22; sidewalks, \$3,599.54; permanent streets, \$3,599.54; bridges, \$2,085.79; surface sewers, \$349.46. The city attorney was authorized to draw up a bond for the Vermont Telephone company, and a few city warrants were read and ordered paid. The opening of stores Sunday was considered, but no action was taken. Alderman Albright asked for the basement of the new school house for the evening drawing school. A section will be inserted in the warning for the city meeting.

A short meeting of the board of aldermen was held afterwards, at which Mayor Barclay presented the name of George Booth for patrolman. The name was rejected 2 to 4. The following specials were chosen: M. B. Nichols, unanimously; L. B. Gallagher, unanimously; and L. N. Gauthier, four to two.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Page Harris of Northfield Received Their Friends.

Northfield, April 15.—The home of L. Page Harris and wife was the scene of a pleasant gathering Wednesday, April 15, when the worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were married in 1854 by Rev. Mr. Kidder at Gouldsville, and there were two persons present Wednesday evening who were also present at the first ceremony 50 years ago. They have spent most of their life here in town and have two children, Frank and Clara, both of whom reside here. Mr. Harris is 73 and Mrs. Harris 69.

At the celebration Wednesday evening, an original poem was composed and read by Mrs. W. H. Bacon of Williamstown, a sister of the bride. Other entertainment was provided and refreshments were served. Many gifts testified to the esteem in which the worthy couple are held, perhaps the most noticeable being a substantial purse of gold.

Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bacon of Williamstown, J. A. Fowler of Ludlow and Miss Abbie Smith of South Ryegate.

RED MEN'S TRIBE.

Order Instituted at East Barre Last Evening.

Wuchose Tribe, No. 19, Improved Order of Red Men, was instituted at East Barre last evening by Past Great Sachem W. A. Jordan of Wollaston, Mass. There were 47 charter members initiated, the Iriguo's tribe of this city working the degrees. After the institution a banquet was served.

The officers for tribe were elected as follows: Prophet, Harry King; sachem, Matthew Highland; senior sagamore, William A. Lappin; junior sagamore, Morris Lamond; chief of records, Bert F. Davis; collector of wampum, Jonathan Chase; keeper of wampum, Varue Coleman; 1st sannah, Fred Lamond; 2nd sannah, Arthur McAllister; guard of wigwam, David Pittsley; guard of forest, Ernest Cutler; 1st warrior, C. N. Scott; 2nd warrior, John Miller; 3d warrior, John Hall; 4th warrior, L. C. Coffin; 1st brave, J. A. Plaisted; 2nd brave, H. N. Whitcomb; 3d brave, Ed. Blanchard; 4th brave, James W. Greason; trustee for one year, F. L. Sargent; two years, David Pittsley; three years, A. B. Hutchinson.

IS TO LEAVE BARRE.

Homer Stoughton Leaves Soon For New York.

Homer Stoughton finished work last night as bookkeeper for Wells, Lamson & Co. after five years of efficient service. He resigned his position here to go to New York where he expects to secure a position in a railroad office. Mrs. Stoughton, who is in poor health, has been in New York for the past two months for treatment and it is partly for this reason that Mr. Stoughton has resigned. Both have many friends in this city who will be sorry to have them leave.

Elliot Stoughton is to succeed his brother at the Wells & Lamson office.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Death of Fred Foy at Newport to be Investigated.

Newport, April 15.—The man whose body was run over near here yesterday morning by a Boston & Maine train was Fred Foy of Derby, 26 years old. He had worked in the coal shed of the Boston & Maine railroad. A revolver was found near with two chambers empty. Suspicious marks were found on his head. One William Merritt, said to be a hard character, who was with him at 4 o'clock in the morning, was arrested but was discharged. He has since been arrested and is now in jail awaiting a hearing. Foy is survived by a wife and three children.

THE CHURCH FIELD.

Sunday Services and Social Events of the Week.

In the Presbyterian church tomorrow Mr. Mitchell expects to preach morning and evening.

At the Baptist church tomorrow the pastor, Rev. W. A. Kinzie, expects to conduct the usual services both morning and evening.

At the Universalist church tomorrow the Rev. Mr. Bradley will preach. Morning subject, "I Will Be Worthy;" evening, "Rounding Character."

Christian Science services are held in Nichols' block Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and Wednesday evening at 7:45. The reading room is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Hedding M. E. church, Sunday, April 17. Morning worship at 10:30 conducted by Rev. W. K. Davenport. Bible school at 12. Epworth league at 5:45. In the absence of the pastor there will be no preaching in the evening.

The churches in the city are to place the hour for prayer service next Thursday night at 7 o'clock instead of half past ten or to close in time for the entertainment given at the opera house for the benefit of the Boys' club.

At the Congregational church tomorrow the pastor will conduct the services. Morning subject, "How to Keep Our Thinking Pure." In the evening, he will give the second address on "Possible and Practical Temperance Reform," the subject of his address being, "The People's Refreshment Association."

Church of the Good Shepherd: Holy Communion (save on the first Sunday in the month) at 9:45 a. m.; first Sunday in the month, 10:30 a. m.; service and sermon each Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; service Friday evening at 7 p. m.; special service on great feast days and all Saint's days a 10 a. m.

Wilder's orchestra are to accompany the boy singer from Springfield in his selection next Thursday night at the entertainment given for the benefit of the boys' club. An exceptionally fine programme is now arranged which will appear in the paper next week. It is expected that the opera house will be filled.

OFFICIAL SUPERSEDED

L. R. Hutchinson, Supt. at C. V. Office.

ACTION WAS UNEXPECTED

Had Not Heard of It Until Successor Walked Into Office Yesterday Afternoon.

Leonard R. Hutchinson, local superintendent for the Central Vermont, was a most surprised individual yesterday afternoon when the traveling auditor of the road, H. C. Manzur, walked into the office and told him he was to be superseded by J. O. Adams of Williamstown, Conn. Mr. Adams came with the auditor and assumed the position today. The action was entirely unexpected by Mr. Hutchinson, as well as by the Barre patrons of the road and Mr. Hutchinson's many friends in this city. So far as known there have been no complaints made to the home office from this city.

Mr. Hutchinson has held the position since the death of Col. Stoughton two years ago, having been previously in the employ of the freight office for many years as bookkeeper and cashier. Shortly after Col. Stoughton's death, the former was made acting superintendent, and although he has continued at the head of the local branch of the railroad since then, he was not given an appointment as superintendent. The traveling auditor gave Mr. Hutchinson no reason for the removal and as yet no word has come from the St. Albans office regarding it.

Mr. Adams, the new agent, has been in the employ of the Central Vermont for some time, and comes to this city from Williamstown, Conn., where he was agent. Mr. Hutchinson is undecided as to what he will do as he has made no plans.

Floral Tributes at Funeral.

Among the many floral tributes at the funeral of Miss Edna Paddelford were the following: Sixteen pinks, the mother; sixteen pinks, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Carpenter; bouquet of pinks, Annie George and Sadie Carpenter and Albert Paddelford; bouquet, Sidney Wheeler; bouquet, F. G. Rowel, bouquet, Mrs. O'Brien and Annie Burns; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baird; pinks, Mrs. J. Cronick; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tift and Frank Tift; bouquet, May and Flossie Dastin; bouquet pinks, Epworth League; pinks, Maggie McQuaid.

20th Anniversary of Clan Gordon No. 12.

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the formation of Clan Gordon No. 12, a banquet will be served in Hale's pavilion on Saturday, May 21st, 1904, at 7 p. m. All clansmen wishing to celebrate are requested to give their names to the amusement committee as early as possible. Jas. Mutch, secretary.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

William Prault went to Quincy, Mass., today.

E. M. Tayntor went to Northfield today on business.

Mrs. Prosser went to South Royalton today on a visit.

Emilio Croci went to Northfield yesterday to work.

C. A. Heath's great wall paper sale advertised on page 6.

Mrs. F. A. Hutchinson went to Lowell Mass., today on a visit.

Don't forget Holton's auction sale of jewelry at 2 and 7 p. m., Saturday and Monday.

Miss Antoinette Pilledieu returned this afternoon from a several days' visit in Burlington.

Joseph Brault who has been visiting relatives in the city left this noon for Providence, R. I.

A daughter has been born to Mrs. F. K. Burgess and not Mrs. F. D. Burgess as stated in yesterday's paper.

William Carson went to Burlington this morning to visit his mother who is sick at the Mary Fletcher hospital there.

Miss Lu Whitney of Granville was in the city today on her way to Williams-town where she is to teach this spring.

Mrs. C. W. Steele went to Northfield this afternoon to attend the funeral of a relative, who died at North Adams, Mass.

The amusement committee of the Ladies circle met last evening to make arrangements for their calling ball to be held May 6.

The amusement committee of the Odd Ladies will meet Monday evening at 7 o'clock at Jennie Mortimer's, 105 Seminary street, to settle all bills.

Elliot Stoughton very pleasantly entertained the members of the 1904 class of Spaulding high school last evening at his home on French street. He was a member of their class before leaving to go to the Albany business college.

The Ida Reed W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Watkins Friday afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. F. D. Beckley, president; Mrs. Goodfellow, first vice president; Mrs. H. C. Syle, second vice president; Mrs. Andrews, third vice president; Mrs. William Shinn, secretary; Mrs. D. B. Minard, treasurer.